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CCHS 2nd Annual VEX Robotics Tournament 1/16/16

Saturday, Chamblee hosted 35 teams for our 2nd Annual VEX Robotics tournament. Our JROTC unit helped kick off this spectacular event with the presentation of Colors. Chamblee is one of 5 schools in DeKalb County hosting

VEX tournaments for schools throughout the State. Teams compete at local tournaments for one of the 5 invitations to the State Tournament. Tournament Champions as well as teams winning Design and Excellence Award are given invitations. Last year, DeKalb County boasted 22 out of the 70 teams invited to compete in the State Tournament.

This year's theme **Nothing But Net**, is particularly exciting due to the many mechanisms built to launch and shoot balls into low and high goals. At the

end of the match robots can demonstrate even more skill by lifting their alliance partner's robots to heights ranging between 4 to 12 inches. Teams not only compete in the building, programming and performance of their robots but students are also judged on teamwork and by the documentation of their engineering design process in their engineering notebook. This year we were blessed to have over 20 judges from Georgia Tech, our Advisory Board and our Sponsor North Atlanta Rotary Club, who interviewed each competitor, giving them the opportunity to express the inspiration behind their creative solutions.

Here at Chamblee, for the first time in history, 6 of our teams put robots on the field with 5 of our teams ending qualification rounds in the top 25. Teams 1275D, 1275B, 1275E and 797M made it to the quarterfinals. Team 1275B in a three team alliance with Dunwoody 1264D and Stone Mountain 1313A met our team 797M in an intense battle in the finals. Team 797M, an 8th seed qualifier ended the night as Tournament champions in alliance with teams from Lithonia High School and Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology. Tucker High School's Team 1320D and 1320C received Design and Excellence Awards. Overall this event was a wonderful exposition of true grit and ingenuity from our future innovators and engineers. **GO BULLDOGS ROBOTICS!!!**

